

COVINGTON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Covington Village Council met in a regular meeting on Monday, August 4, 2014 at the Village office at 1 S. High St. Covington. Mayor Ed McCord called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The following roll call was taken for council:

Present:	Doris Beeman Joyce Robertson Bud Weer Keith Warner Scott Tobias Lois Newman
Absent:	none

The council packet included minutes from the 7/21/14 meeting, check list (7800-7813), fund balance sheet, village administrator report, R17-14, R18-14, draft trash and recycling guidelines and July income tax report.

Nonmembers present include Frank Patrizio-Attorney, Mike Busse-Village Administrator, Chief Westfall and Carmen Siefring-Fiscal Officer.

Agenda:

A motion was made by Beeman and seconded by Robertson to approve the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

Minutes:

The minutes from the 07/21/14 meeting are approved as read.

Bills/Financials

No questions or comments. A motion was made by Beeman and seconded by Weer to approve the bills. All ayes. Motion carried.

Visitors – no comments

Mayors Report

- Mayor McCord informed council that he and Mike met with school administrators regarding storm water on the east side of town.
- Mayor McCord and Mike traveled to Indianapolis recently to test drive the trash truck we will be purchasing through Best Equipment.
- Mayor McCord thanked the police auxiliary and the Optimist for the 3 on 3 basketball tournament which raised approximately \$1,500.
- The mayor informed council that he spoke with the Miami County Health Department Thursday regarding 110 Pearl St.

Village Administrator Report-the following topics were addressed:

- A copy of the Spring Street bid advertisement was included in the packet with project schedule

- Council discussed the dilapidated property at 110 Pearl St. Mike said there is asbestos in the plaster and will require asbestos abatement if the house is torn down. Teardown could range between \$30,000-\$40,000. The Village tore down two houses last year with County grant money. There is no county grant money available this year.
- Mike informed council that TCF financing company requested that we revise the wording of the resolution to lease a trash truck.
- Council reviewed the draft copy of the recycling brochure and the trash guidelines.
- The Maple Street water valve has been replaced.

Legislation

- A motion to suspend the rules was made by Warner and seconded by Weer. BW, JR, DB, ST, KW-yes. LN-no.
Council discussed the purchase of a condemned residential property at 110 Pearl St. Beeman stated that she did not want the Village to own more property. Mayor McCord stated that he was concerned that if the Village did not purchase the property, it would be sold to someone who would make the minimum repairs necessary to obtain an occupancy permit and that the house would remain in a dilapidated condition. Following extended discussion, a motion was made by Warner and seconded by Weer to approve ***Resolution R17-14 Authorizing the Village Administrator to Execute an Offer and Purchase Real Property at 110 Pearl of the Purchase Price of \$3,500.*** JR, LN, DB – no. ST, KW, BW – yes. In order to break the tie, Mayor McCord cast his vote as yes to approve R17-14. Motion carried.
- A motion to suspend the rules was made by Tobias and seconded by Beeman. All ayes. Motion carried.
A motion to approve ***R18-14 Authorizing the Village Administrator to Purchase a 2007 International Trash Truck and Finance this truck through TCF Equipment*** was made by Tobias and seconded by Beeman. All ayes. Motion carried. (This was previously done through by R10-14 but TCF requested revised verbage)

Annexation

Frank Patrizio informed Council that the school sent a letter dated 7/29/14 requesting annexation to the Village. Frank will have a Resolution prepared for the next meeting that states the services the Village will provide. Mike has approached three other properties in the area that are not incorporated about joining the incorporation process. None of the three properties are interested in annexation at this time.

Personnel

A motion was made by Tobias and seconded by Beeman to accept the resignation of Cameron Ludsford as a part-time village employee. He has accepted employment elsewhere. A motion was made by Tobias and seconded by Beeman to authorize the Village Administrator to fill the part-time vacancy created by the resignation by hiring another part-time worker up to 24/hrs/wk. All ayes. Motion carried.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Weer and seconded by Newman to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried.
8:00